

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

JEFFREY W. MOEHLENBRUCK  
JOHN P. RANIERI

Serial No.: 10/812,268

Filed: March 29, 2004

For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR  
TREATING INTERVERTEBRAL DISC  
DEGENERATION

Confirmation No.: 2977

Group Art Unit: 1653

Examiner: Marsha M. Tsay

Attorney Docket: 2103.013882/KDG  
(SBI-064-DIV)

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-identified application.

1. 

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
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a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply previously filed on November 3, 2006.  
(Any unentered amendments referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously  
filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii. ☒ Other: Information Disclosure Statement filed November 3, 2006.

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declarations

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. 

Miscellaneous
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a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. 

Fees
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 The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2103.013882KG.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.**

Respectfully submitted,

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